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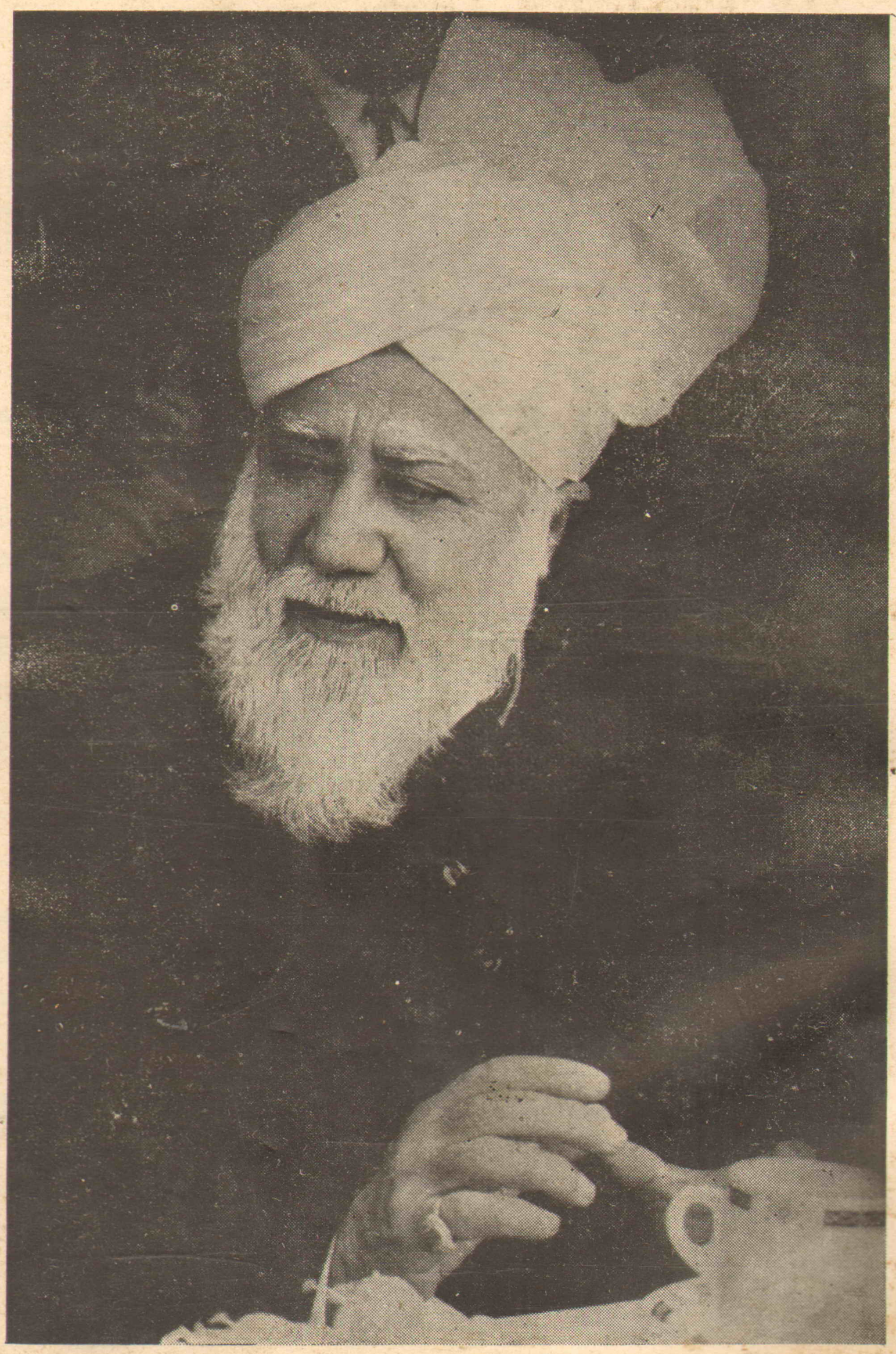

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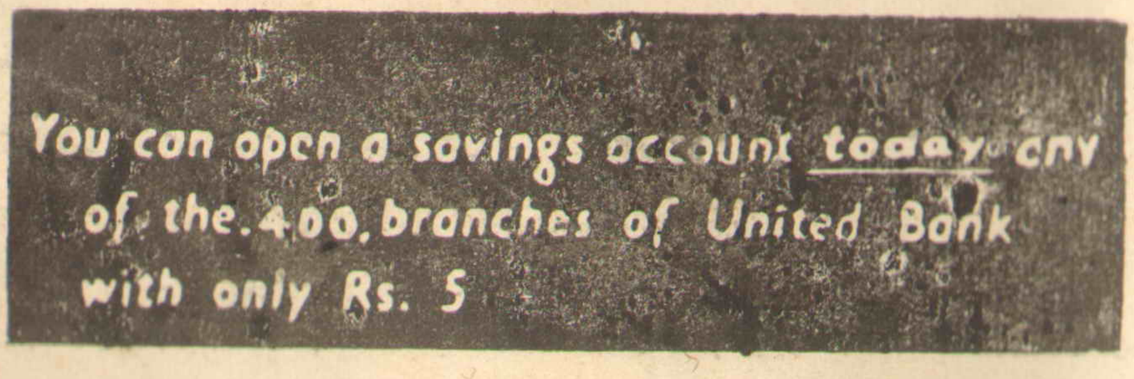

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III

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VISTIS EUROPE

When our Missionaries in Europe learnt that Hazrat Khalifarul Masih III had agreed to personally perform the opening ceremony of the Nusrat Jahan Mosque, Copen Hagen, Denmark, they requested him to spend a few days more and visit the Ahmadiyya Missions to get first hand knowledge of their day to day working. He agreed and the plans of his tour of Europe started taking shape.

On the 6th of July, 1967, he left Rabwah and having stayed at Karachi for a day or two he proceeded to Europe where Frankfurt was his first halt. He reached there on the 8th and left for Zurich on the 10th. He left Zurich for Amsterdam on the 14th and from there he went to Hamburg on the 16th. He left Hamburg on the 20th and reached Copen Hagen the same day. The next day he performed the opening ceremony of the Nusrat Jahan Mosque. He departed from Copen Hagen on the 26th of July and reached London. While in England he took time to visit Scotland also. He left London on the 20th of August and reached Karachi the next day. From there he entrained for Rabwah on the 23rd and reached Rabwah on the 24th of August.

Since he has arrived back various Bodies have had the honour of arranging Receptions in his honour. Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya, Tahrik-i-Jadid, Waqf-i-Jadid Majlis Ansarullah and Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya arranged a grand Reception for him collectively at which some prominent members of the Community as well as some other friends were also invited from various parts of Pakistan. Majlis-i-Ansarullah (Central), Kuddamul Ahmadiyya (Rabwah) and Local Body, Rabwah also had the honour of arranging Receptions for him separately. Lajna Imaullah also Received him at the Lajna Hall. And of course some other Bodies as well as Jamaats also did not lag behind.

As for Hazrat's impressions about the tour, he is fully satisfied that God has blessed the tour and far reaching effects are expected to be its outcome. Our Missions have got a new lease of life and he said that so far as Christianity was concerned he only saw it in the form of a corpse—there is no life in it. The very followers of Christ are trying to get rid of their age old beliefs—they are going much farther than that : they are actually disowning Christianity. Hazrat says that the love and affection that the Christians had for Christ is now no more. This is the cleaning of the slate that is so very essential for inscribing the impression of the Unity of God and the truthfulness of Islam. The time, Hazrat says, is not far when Islam will be the religion of Europe.

While in Europe, the Press, Radio and Television paid full attention to what he said and thus the message of Islam was conveyed in those countries in a way that was unknown thus far and will have more far reaching effects than any other event of the European history. Wherever he got the opportunity of talking to the people whether individually or collectively, he conveyed the warning to them that their security lay only in turning to God and that if they did not pay heed to this message and they did not join the fold of Islam, an unprecedented calamity would be their fate. A full-length speech on this topic was delivered by him at the Wandsworth Town Hall, London. This speech has been given wide publicity (it was also pudlished in this magazine in the last issue) all over the world

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NOTES & COMMENTS

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A lecture at Jamia

Maulana Abdur Rahman Surati, a member of the Islamic Research Institute who was on a short visit to Rabwah addressed the students and the staff of the Jamia Ahmadiyya. The function was presided over by Mr. Yusuf Usman. a sixth year student from East Africa. Maulana Sahib gave examples to show how we could express ourselves in fewer words in Arabic than we could in other languages. He was explaining the ways and means of learning Arabic which he said could be made easy by following the right method. There were only 1655 root words in the whole of the Holy Quran and he who knows Urdu i.e. he is well versed in it, must be knowing 1600 root words and will have to learn only about fifty words more—which is, as everybody will agree—not a difficult task.

In answer to a question asked by a member of the audience Maulana Sahib said that he had read the book Minanur Rahman by the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement and he liked it very much.

An Evening In Hamburg

It was a pleasant evening. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III was in the midst of some mebers of the Community as well as some others who had come along to have a word with him. Then-one of them learnt that Hazrat Sahib was born on the same date and in the same month as he was born, though the years of the two of them were far apart. Hazrat Sahib was born in 1909 and that gentle man was born in 1886. But the tallying of the date and month gave him great pleasure. Hazrat Sahib then wrote down a revelation of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, which he had received in 1886, and gave to him as memento. This encouraged the others also to ask for a revelation which was received by the Promised Messiah in the year or the month of their birth. Hazrat Sahib took the Tazkira (the book that contains the revelations of the Promised Messiah) and wrote down some revelations therefrom with their translation and gave to all those who asked for them.

It was a great pleasure for all of them to have this opportunity.

At the same sitting Hazrat Sahib showed the Ring of the Promised Messiah with the inscription of Alaisallaho bikafin abdahoo, to all of them and asked them to kiss it for blessings, which they did with great pleasure and sense of satisfaction.

Souvenir

The Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Karachi deserves to be congratulated for so beautiful a souvenir which they brought out on the occasion of their annual Ijtema held in October, 1967. In addition to the informative articles on various aspects of the teachings of Islam and the activities of the Ahmadiyya Community it has a large number of photographs of the European tour of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih as well as the important occasions of the Ahmadiyya Missions all over the world.

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Triumph of Islam

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Some people say that in order to help the cause of religion it is quite sufficient to establish Associations and schools but really they do not understand what religion is and what is the ultimate aim of our existence and how and through what means that aim can be achieved. They should know that the aim of this life is that we should establish a true and definitive relation with God which should take us away from the lower passions and lead us to fountain of salvation. The paths to this perfect certainty cannot be opened with human schemes and human philosophy cannot be of any avail. This light is always sent down from the heavens by God through His chosen servants. He who comes down from the heaven is the one who takes others there. So, O ye people who are in the deep pit of darkness and who are held like prisoners in the hands of doubts and uncertainties and who are slaves to their low passions do not exult in being a nominal and traditional Muslim. Do not think that your real welfare and ultimate success lies in the plans of establishing associations and schools. No doubt these things are beneficial and can be considered to be the first step on the ladder of progress but they are far from the real objective. They may be able to achieve mental cleverness and sharpness and dry logic or they may be able to earn titles of being very learned. This also is quite possible that after the acquisition of knowledge for a very long time they may prove of some help to the real objective. But till the elixer comes from Iraq the snake bitten will have died. So wake up and be alert lest you stumble or the journey to the next world may start at a time of irreligiousness and faithlessness.

You must know it for certain it of certain that the hopes of the hopes of the success in the next-worldly affairs are not at all based on the acquisition of these traditional branches of knowledge and it is essential that that heavenly light must descend which removes the doubts and uncertainties and extinguishes the fiire of low passions and greed and draws towards the real and true love of and obedience to God. If you question pour conscience, the reply that you will get will be no other than that you have not achieved real satisfaction and true contentment which brings about a spiritual change instantaneously. What a pity, that the zeal that you have for spreading of traditional knowledge, you do not have even a fraction of it for the heavenly dispensation. Your life is mostly dedidated for such tasks as have either nothing to do with religion or if they have anything to do at all, it is only of very low order and lags far behind the real objective. If you have the sense and wits that can realise the real objective you would never rest till you have achieved the aim.

O ye people ! you have been created for recognition, love and obedience to your real Creator so until you have quite confidently achieved the ultimate aim of your creation you are very far from your true salvation. If you do justice you will bear witness against yourself that instead of devoted service to God you have a strongly built idol in your heart all the time before whom you are prostrating a thousand times every moment. Your time is so busily engaged in the senseless affairs of the world that you have no chance of attneding to something else.

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RABWAH DIARY

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Khutbas

On Friday the 8th of December Khalifatul Masih commented upon the 75th verse of the Sura Anfal which runs thus :

> "And those who have believed and left their homes and striven for the cause of Allah, and those who have given them shelter and help—these indeed are true believers. For them is forgiveness and an honourable provision."

He said that the month of Fasting and worship of God were very intimately connected with the acceptance of prayers. God says that as for the fasts, He Himself is the reward i. e. He grants His love to those who keep fasts during this month and one of the ways in which love is expressed is through the acceptance of the prayers. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih further said that the conditions for the acceptance of the prayers as presented by Islam and explained by the Promised Messiah are that we should be perfectly obedient to God and that we should believe in Him and have full confidence in Him. While explaining, Hazrat said that obedience to God in this context really meant that we should ask for only such things as are not opposed to the law made by God and do not violate His commands. Belief and confidence in God meant that we should know it fully well that God is capable of doing what we are asking for.

In he second part of hi Khutba Hazrat Khalifatul Masih asked the citizens of Rabwah to spare parts of their houses for the guests on the occasion of Jalsa Salana (Annual Gathering) He said that everybody who gave a part of his house or guests on this occasion made his house the house of the Promised Messiah or it had been revealed to the Promised Messiah that he should expand his house and this expansion now takes place through the houses of his followers.

On Friday the 15th of December 1967 Hazrat Khalifatul Masih reminded the people that according to the teachings of the Holy Quran they could not enter the paradise unless they displayed a strong and living faith which always depends upon one's witnessing the miraculous support from God. And this he said, could be obtained by only those who have a living relation with God and spend their days and nights in His love He further said that it was the humble and fervent prayers alone that could become a means of the expression of his love and that could also make him deserving of the love of God. As for the prayer (supplications) he said that it always made one realise that he was passing through a state of death. When one passes through this condition and bows before God forgetting everything that is his, that really is the time that God endows him with His love.

The humble and fervent prayers which make a man pass through the state of death are possible only when he has to undergo great hardships and passes through straitened circumstances and is shaken as if by an earthquake. Hazrat had started his Khutba with verse number 215 of the Sura Baqarah which runs thus :

> "Do you think that you will enter Heaven while there has not come over you the condition of those who passed away before you ? Poverty and affliction befell them, and they were violently shaken until the Messenger and those who believed along with him said : 'When will come the help

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NOW THEY BELIEVE

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By Maulvi M.A. Saqi

It is generally believed in Africa that Islam is the religion of the blackman and that people of white skin cannot be Muslims. They are bound to think in this line because the white people who ever came to Africa were either traders, explorers or Christian missionaries. They have never seen any European or American white Muslim who could have gone to Africa for the purpose of preaching the message of Islam nor they ever heard of any such European or Amerıcan orgnisation that caters for the interest of Islam in these countries.

As a matter of fact not long ago even people in India and Pakistan would not believe any European becoming a Muslim and saying his prayers like an ordinary Believer. When I was in England in 1952 I remember one day a sailor from Pakistan came to our Mosque and said that he had come only with one purpose ; he wanted to see a European Muslim saying prayer in the mosque.

Through our publications we used to show pictures of the mosques built by the Ahmadiyya Community in Europe. But some people will still doubt the truthfulness of our claim.

Thank God that through the recent tour of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III people of Africa saw with their own eyes on television and through pictures, hundreds of European Muslims saying their prayers, bowing and prostrating before Almighty Allah thus providing a palpable proof for the entire African world that by the grace of Allah, through the spiritual guidance of Hazrat Muslihi Maud and by the hubmle sacrifices of the entire Ahmadiyya Community, there has now come into existence in the heart of christendom, a party of people who profess and acknowledge, both by the word of their mouth and through their actions, that "There is none worthy of worship except Allah, and Mohammad is the Messenger of Allah".

When I showed the picture of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III saying Khutba in the newly erected Nusrat Jahan Mosque in Copenhagen to a University student here in Liberia, he could not believe his eyes. Several times he asked me, "Are they really Muslims" ? He was amazed to learn that the religion of Islam has now started penetrating into Europe.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III's recent tour has certainly helped a great deal in making the world realise, especially the African people, that Islam is indeed a universal religion and that the time is not far when according to the prophecy of the Holy Quran this religion will certainly dominate all other faiths,. How true is the Word of God in saying "He it is Who has sent His Messenger with guidance ond the religion of truth, that He may cause it to prevail over all religions even if those wo associate partners with God hate it".

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WHAT THEY SAY!

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The other day I was reading a book entitled *Christianity and the New Africa* by Rev. T. A. Beetham of the Methodist Church who has worked as a missionary for several years in West Africa.

The book published this year by Pall Mall Press, London, comprises a note on "Islam" wherein Rev. Beethams has discussed the spread of the religion in West Africa. On page 79 of the book he writes :

"At the same time, there has been a movement starting from the coast with the help of Pakistani missionaries of the Ahmadiah sect. Beginning in 1921, though building in Lagos and Saltpond on earlier local orthodox Muslim groups, the Ahmadiyya have spread along the coast in English—speaking countries. Humphrey Fisher's survey showed that its converts had come from orthodox Muslim and Christians, and hardly at all—perhaps 5 per cent—from pagans. A more recent examination of the record—cards of new members of the Saltpond headquarters tow-thirds previously Christans and one-third Animists."

The above short statistical survey shows the gradually rising number of Christians and pagans joining the fold of Islam through the activities of the Ahmadiyya Missionaries. The book nowhere makes mention of Muslims accepting Christianity. The one-way traffic, increasing in volume as the years roll by, is to continue until Islam is pronounced to be the exclusive religion of the African continent.

The above quotation gives lie to the propaganda that Ahmadiyya missionaries in Africa are converting only Muslims. The message of Islam is universal and if it is to become a decisive force in the modern world, as it had been in the past centuries, all Muslims should get united through the efforts of the Ahmadiyya Movement.

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of Allah ? Yea, surely the help of Allah is nigh."

Hazrat explained at some length as to what three conditions are essential for the prayers to be fervent and humble.

At the close of the Khutba he said that in the verse under reference God had told us that life was not worth living without prayers because it was not possible to have living relation with God without prayers and without a livi n relation with God the life was not worth-while in the least.

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